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SUBJ: COSTA RICAN VIEWS ON CUBA

1. COSTA RICAN PERMREP SALAZARE ENGAGED AMBASSADOR BENNETT JULY 23 IN CONVERSATION ON CUBA. HE SAID THAT COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT, IN PARTICULAR FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER EFFECT ON INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM OF CONTROVERSY OVER CUBA. HE COMMENTED THAT, AS WE KNOW, FACIO IS STRONG BELIEVER IN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND ASCRIBES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO RIO TREATY AND PROTECTIONS IT AFFORDS. FACIO HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER DETERIORATION OF IA SYSTEM AND POISON SEEPING INTO INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP DUE TO STEADILY GROWING DIFFERENCES ON HOW TO TREAT CUBAN PROBLEM. IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND OF CONCERN FOR THE HEMISPHERIC SYSTEM THAT FACIO NOW BELIEVES U.S. SHOULD BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON CUBAN PROBLEM.

2. SALAZAR WENT ON TO SAY THAT COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO DESIRE TO RECOGNIZE CASTRO AND WOULD NOT DO SO IN EVENT PRESENT PROHIBITIONS WERE LIFTED. ON THE OTHER HAND, FACIO BELIEVES THAT THE U.S. SHOULD BE WILLING TO
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RELAX ECONOMIC EMBARGO. THIS WOULD EASE GROWING FEELINGS

AMONG LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT U.S. BEING RIGID
AND UNWILLING CHANGE WITH CHANGING TIMES. SALAZAR
ADDED HIS OWN OBSERVATION THAT UNYIELDING U.S. POSITION
IS DAMAGING TO OUR OWN INTERESTS IN THE HEMISPHERE AND
PLEADED THAT USG SHOW ITSELF WILLING AT LEAST TO LIFT
ECONOMIC BOYCOTT.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY BE WELL AWARE OF ABOVE
FEELINGS ON PART OF COSTA RICANS. THIS REPORT
TRANSMITTED IN VIEW OF
SALAZAR'S EVIDENT SINCERITY IN MAKING HIS ARGUMENT.
CUBAN DISCUSSION AROSE DURING CONVERSAION ON CYPRUS PROBLEM
ON WHICH COSTA RICAN DELEGATION HAS HAD IDENTITY OF
VIEWPOINT WITH US POSITIONS AND HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO
USUN THROUGHOUT RECENT SERIES OF SC MEETINGS ON CYPRUS.
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